

Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Service, USDA; Alan Bowser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Basic Industries, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONSENT OF CONGRESS—RED RIVER BOUNDARY COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thornberry and Sandlin; David B. Braddock, member, House of Representatives, State of Oklahoma; and Eric Sigsbey, General Counsel, General Land Office, State of Texas.

WARTIME VIOLATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2442, Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Engel; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Concluded oversight hearings on the Federal Aid Programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Part III). Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and H.R. 2532, National Heritage Areas Policy Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Sam Johnson of Texas; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Education Research: Is What We Don't Know Hurting Our Children? Testimony was heard from Judith S. Sunley, Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF;

C. Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education; G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Y2K AND NUCLEAR POWER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on Y2K and Nuclear Power: Will Reactors React Responsibly? Testimony was heard from Frank Miraglia, Deputy Executive Director, Reactor Programs, NRC; the following officials of the GAO: Joel Willemssen, Director, Civil Agency Information Systems; and Keith Rhodes, Chief Scientist; and a public witness.

PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on Persian Gulf War veterans issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits; Robert Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; and Charles R. DeCoste, Director, Data Management Office, all with the Veterans Benefits Administration; and Victor Gordan, M.D., VA Medical Center, Manchester, New Hampshire; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, 9172, to be General; the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 154: Gen. Richard B. Myers, 7092, to be General; the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, 0711, to be General; and the nomination of the following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility

under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, 7375, to be General, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings, to be followed by open hearing (SD-608), on the agricultural biological weapons threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on the impact of ECNs, focusing on the changing face of capital markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S.-China relations, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on numerous tax treaties and protocol, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold a business meeting on pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 979, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, 9 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on terrorism issues, focusing on victims' access to terrorist assets, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings on the Justice Department's response to international parental kidnapping, 1:45 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, oversight hearing on National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up H.R. 2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea II: Misuse of U.S. Aid to North Korea, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 169, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy, free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; and H. Con. Res. 200, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the military coup in Pakistan and calling for a civilian, democratically-elected government to be returned to power in Pakistan, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999 and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1283, Fairness

in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999; H.R. 1869, Stalking Prevention and Victim Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R., 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 2278, to require the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study regarding options for the protection and expanded visitor enjoyment of nationally significant natural and cultural resources at Fort Hunter Liggett, California; H.R. 2541, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 2903, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Act of 1999; H.R. 3063, to amend the National Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; and H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; followed by a hearing on H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on "The Impact of Executive Orders on the Legislative Process: Executive Lawmaking?" 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Transportation Architecture Studies: The Future of Earth-to-Orbit Spaceflight, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Competing in the New Millennium: Challenges Facing Small Biotechnology Firms, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on the Bellingham, Washington, Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Incident, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.